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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9, 14, 15, 17 and 18 remain in this application. In the Office action mailed April 7, 2003, the Examiner made a restriction requirement requiring Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant elects the species shown in Figures 1-5. The claims that read on this species are pending claims 1-9, 14, 15, 17 and 18. Claims 10-13 and 16 have been withdrawn without prejudice pursuant to the election/restriction requirement. Applicant retains the right to present the withdrawn claims in one or more divisional or continuation applications. Claim 17 has been amended so that it no longer depends on withdrawn claim 16.

Applicant notes that Figures 9-12 are not specific to the species shown in Figures 6-7 as stated in the Office action. Rather, the subject matter shown in Figures 9-12 is generally applicable to all species of the invention.

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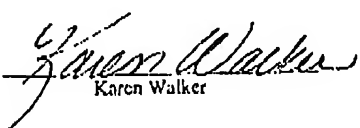
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